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The theme for Carnival 2018 will be:

“1918 : 2018, Then and Now”.

2018 marks the Centenary of the end of World War 1, a suitable time to celebrate the end of that awful worldwide conflict.

1918 was the actual end of World War 1 and so the era either side of that date is what the “Then” part of the theme refers to.

2018 is thus the “Now” part of the theme.

The theme seeks to draw contrasts between life in the early part of the 20th Century, and that of the modern era. It does not have to focus on the war years and its interpretation is open to your imagination.

Centrally, we are trying to gather as many artefacts of the early 20th Century as possible. Most obviously, these relate to cars and bikes, and even airplanes if you know of anyone who owns one! Costumes are not so difficult to envisage, and groups can present a tableau to illustrate an aspect of that time – in the Parade or with others on the field.

Life at home, at work, in education, at leisure, can be contrasted with similar facets of modern day existence.

Parade groups, suitably attired, could bear Banners or placards with symbolic images or words to reinforce their message. Musical groups might have songs to deliver with comparable contrasts.

A feature of the afternoon entertainment might be a Revue of the theme, with contributions from all of the local amateur drama and musical groups. This is currently under active project planning so, if you, your group, your School or other organisation is moved to present an element of this, please make contact as soon as possible.

It might be that you can envisage an exhibition of smaller artefacts that would generate interest. Perhaps get together with others to make a linked presentation.

Consider adorning your stall in the theme. Many have done that in the past, to add to the Carnival atmosphere.